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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicants hereby cite the following references:

U.S. AND FOREIGN REFERENCES

Patent/ Publication No.	Date of Issue/Publication	Patentee/Applicant/Country
US 2001/0033085 A1	10/25/2001	Bienert et al.
US 2,975,868	03/26/1961	Long
GB 2 386 062 A	09/10/2003	Great Britain
WO 98/46137	10/22/1998	PCT
FR 2 780 638	01/07/2000	France
JP 2002332197	11/22/2002	Japan
DE 201 18 952 U1	03/21/2002	Germany
DE 203 16 058 U1	05/13/2004	Germany

For the Examiner's convenience, Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet) and copy of cited references A3-A8. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of the above references and entry thereof into the record of this application.

For the listed references that are in English, no further commentary is believed to be necessary, 37 C.F.R §1.98(a)(3).

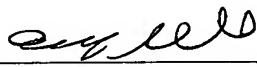
The relevance of FR 2 780 638; DE 201 18 952 U1 and 203 16 058 U1 are provided by the enclosed non-certified English abstract for these references. Relevance is also indicated by the background section of the above-captioned application, the enclosed copy of the International Search Report dated June 28, 2005, and the International Preliminary Examination Report dated July 4, 2006 for the corresponding PCT Application No. PCT/EP2005/051223.

By submitting this Statement, Applicants are attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

Applicants have calculated no fee to be due in connection with the filing of this Statement. However, the Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency associated with the filing of this Statement to a deposit account, as authorized in the Transmittal accompanying this Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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	A4	WO 98/46137	10/22/1998	PCT		
	A5	FR 2 780 638	01/07/2000	France		Non-certified English abstract
	A6	JP 2002332197	11/22/2002	Japan		Abstract only
	A7	DE 201 18 952 U1	03/21/2002	Germany		Non-certified English abstract
	A8	DE 203 16 058 U1	05/13/2004	Germany		Non-certified English abstract

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